not been implemented so far alongwith the reasons therefor ; and

(d) what steps Government are taking in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) As far as Ministr of Parliamentary Affairs is concerned, recruitments to posts, where Direct Recruitment is prescribed are made through Staff Selection Commision and Local Employment Exchange. As such, there is no Selection Committee/Board in this Ministry. As regrards Departmental Promotion Committees one member belonging to SC/ST and one member of the minority community are invariably associated.

(b) and (c) There is no Subordinate/ Attached Office or Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of this Ministry.

(d) The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is following the instructions issued by the Government to safeguard the interests of SC/ST and Minorities.

Off-shore Projects of O.N.G.C.

294. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the O.N.G.C. requires large scale investment to continue its off-shore projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ONGC have proposed an investment programme of more than Rs. 19,000/- crores for various off-shore schemes during the VIIIth Plan.

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295. [*Transferred to the 5th March*, 1992]

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Reduction in the outlay on oil sector

297. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has reduced the outlay on oil sector by 20000 crores of rupees in the Eighth Plan ;

(b) if so, what are its likely repercussions on oil exploration and other related activities ;

(c) whether the decision is also likely to effect the savings in foreign exchange and the task of acquiring self-sufficiency in this field ; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to restore the original outlay ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The outlay for the Eighth Plan (1992-97) for the oil sector has not been finalised yet.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Shortage of petroleum products in U.P.

298. KUMARI ALIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of Petroleum Products like Petrol, diesel, Kerosene oil in some parts of Distt. Faizabad-Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to maintain the supply of these products in the affected parts of those districts ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) As per reports from the Oil Companies stray cases of shortages of petroleum products in Faizabad district have been reported. Bridging by road has been organised to meet the shortfalls.

Surcharge on Petroleum Products

299. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil Coordination Committee has rejected the reimbursement of surcharge levied by States on petroleum products;

(b) if so, the names of affected States and the rise in prices of petroleum products due to this decision; and

(c) the reduction of deficit in the oil pool account due to the same?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) With the levy/

revision of surcharges in petroleum products on some States w.e.f. 1-1-92 Oil Coaordlition Commi'tee is no longerr eimbursing the Oil Companies for any underrecovery on account of levy of irrecoverable taxes/levies by State Government. Statement showing the States where the surcharges were revised and the increase in the prices of some of the petroleum products is enclosed. Revision of surcharges is estimated to reduce the deficit in pool account by above Rs. 400/- crores per annum. (*See* Appendix *CLXII*, Annexure No. 8).

Export of Natural Gas

300. DR. NAREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to export natural gas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production in Oil Units

301. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production in oil sector in the units of Nazira, Sibsagar and Jorhat during the last three years, unit-wise and year-wise; and

(b) what is the amount of loss suffered so far during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARNAND): (a) Crude oil production from Eastern Region of ONGC comes from the two projects viz Upper Assam and Dhansiri Valley projects, which are in the vicinity of Nazira, Sibsagar and Jorhat towns. Crude oil production from the above mentioned projects for the last three years is as follows:

(figures in MMT)

Year	Upper Assam	DVP	Total ERBC	
1988-89	2·8891	0·2004	3·0895	= 3·10
1989-90	2·9495	0·1946	3·1441	= 3·15
1990-91	2·2610	0·2023	2·4633	= 2·46

(b) ONGC's crude oil production shortfall in Eastern Regior i.e. ERBC during the current financial year (upto 21-1-92) is 0.503 MMT corresponding to the targets.

मध्य प्रदेश में ग्वालियर जिले में गैस पर आधारित विद्युत परियोजनायें

302. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को ग्वालियर जिले में क्रमश: 817 मेघावाट तथा 90 मैगावाट की क्षमता वाले गैस पर आधारित दो विद्युत परियोजनाओं की स्वीकृति हेतु परियोजना प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस प्रस्ताव में इन परियोजनाओं को हजीरा–विजय पुर–जगदीशपुर गैस पाइपलाइन से गैस की पूर्ति करने पर विचार किया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इन परियोजनाओं हेतु गैस कनैक्शन कब तक दे दिये जाने की सभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ग) इन विद्युत सयंत्रों को गैस लिकेज दिये जाने के संबंध में अनुरोध प्राप्त हुये हैं इन परियोजनाओं के लिये गैस का आबंटन नहीं किया गया है।